(e) Upto the 1986-87 Marketing Plan, BPCL has issued Letters of Intent in Western U.P. for the following locations:

(1) Muzzaffarnagar, Dist. Muzaffarnagar
(2) Faridapur, Dist. Bareilly
(3) Saharanpur, Dist. Saharanpur
(4) Dehra Dun
Dist. Dehra Dun
(5) Dehra Dun
(6) Meerut, Dist Meerut
(7) Dadri, Dist. Ghaziabad
(8) Rudrapur, Dist. Nainital
(9) Meerut, Dist. Meerut.

**Production target for crude**

3455. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to Unstarred Question 691 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th February, 1988 and state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the Hindustan Times dated the 25th January, 1988 wherein the Chairman ONGC has reportedly said that "ONGC has also been asked to reduce its production target to four million tonnes as per mid-term plan appraisal, because of certain problems"; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) and (b) No such statement of Chairman ONGC has appeared in the Hindustan Times Delhi Edition of 25th January 1988. Unstarred Question No. 691 was answered taking into account total crude production in the country. Although some adjustment in production targets have been made during mid-term review of 7th Plan, in no region ONGC, target has been reduced to four million tonnes from five million tonnes.

**Reserves of gas and oil in South Bassein**

3456. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the confirmed and unconfirmed reserves of natural gas and oil in South Bassein;

(b) by when gas supply will begin from the South Bassein and what are the plans for utilisation;

(c) the names of the companies working at present for field development of South Bassein and construction of the pipeline to bring gas to the shore and value of orders taken by each of them and completion schedule committed by them;

(d) what are the details of the new field development works planned or proposed for South Bassein;

(e) the total cost of South Bassein development and the revised schedule for completion of the project; and

(f) the amount of loans committed by foreign countries for South Bassein development and whether any new loans are proposed to be acquired?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) The balance recoverable reserves of crude oil and natural gas in Bombay Offshore, which includes South Bassein fields, is about 330 million tonnes and 400 million cubic metres respectively.

(b) Supply is expected to commence in 1988-89. Gas would be utilised for production of fertilizers and power.

(c) M/s. Snam Progetti of Italy have been awarded the contract for development work pertaining to